Recommendations of Committee on Capital Formation in Agriculture

600. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an eight member expert Committee on capital formation in agriculture has been set up by Government to look into the problem of drop in real investment in this sector; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the recommendations of the Committee, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. An eight member committee on capital formation has been set up by the Ministry of Agriculture in April, 2001 to examine and recommend procedures for a proper assessment of capital formation in agriculture.The committee is engaged in the deliberations and the recommendations will be known after the committee finalises its report.

Horticulture Research Centre in NER

601. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of scheme formulated by Government to set up Horticulture Research Centre in North Eastern Region; and

(b) the details of amount spent on the said schemes during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) The details of Horticulture schemes in operation in North-Eastern Region (NER) are as under:—

1. NRC for Orchids, Sikkim
2. CPCRI Regional Station, Kahikuchi
3. CPRI Regional Station, Shillong
4. AICRP (Palm), Kahikuchi
5. AICRP (Betelvine), Jorhat

6. AICRP (Tuber Crops), Jorhat
7. AICRP (Potato), Jorhat
8. AICRP on tropical Fruits—Jorhat, Tinsukhia
9. AICRP on Apple Scab, Barapani
10. AICRP on veg., Jorhat
11. NATP Programmes in operation at ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region also has horticultural activities.
12. Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North East India.

(b) Details of expenditure incurred during last three years:—

1998-99	Rs. 170.46 lakhs
1999-2000	Rs. 187.66 lakhs
2000-2001	Rs. 415.90 lakhs

Stopping the flow of terminator seeds

602. SHRI R. SARATH KUMAR:
SHRI P.N. SIVA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to stop the flow of terminator seeds into the Indian Market; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) The Govt. has issued instructions to all permit issuing authorities to keep strict watch on any likely import of seeds having terminator gene. These authorities have been asked to be extremely careful so that in no case any seed material having terminator gene is imported. In the Protection of Plant Varieties & Farmers' Right Bill, 2001, a provision has been made that no variety which involves terminator technology shall be registered under this Act.